# VICTORIA VISITS HER METROPOLIS.

Loyal British in Thousands Line the Route to Buckingham Palace.

PAEANS OF VICTORY SOUNDED.

Ireland Will Extend a Respectful Welcome to the Queen-Redmond's Strong Speech in

the Commons.

London, March & Quove Value and the people of the greatest city in her Empire today celebrated the victories will be they believed have transformed the campaign in South Africa from one of tweeter into one of success. That is the only explanation of the unbounded, the unpuralleled enthusi-

of the unbounded, the unpuralleled enthusiasm with which hundreds of thousands
halled their sovereign.

In many ways these demonstrations outdid those of the Diamond Jubiles, although
there were no glittering pageants, no triumphal arcises, no procession of Princes,
but only a dozen life duards, followed by
a little old lady, in the plainest black contume, who had come for a few days stay
at Buckingham Filme, as she has done
many a time before. Yet her hold upon the
hearts of her people was probably never hearts of her people was probably never more strikingly manifested. I tillize that of the Diamond Jubiles, to-day's popular our-

ceeded months of gloom. The depth of feeling which these demonstrations represented could only be gauged by those who mingled with the crowd. Muthers in Seep mourning for some killed on the far-off veldt strangled bravely with the most hilarious to catch a climpse of the Queen, whose womanly sympathy and thoughtful-ness for the soldiers had touched their

Often the long, cold visits were rendered futile by tears that dimmed the eyes and blurred the vision as the royal carriage passed. As one very old woman said: "Twe seen her many a time, but she said she was sorry for my boy, and I must see her again before I die."

A Counters on the Curb. Thousands braved the raw cast aind and

stood for hours waiting patiently who have often seen the Queen, and who, in ordinary circumstances, would accordy ordinary circumstances, would respectly budge to watch her pass. Among these were many personal friends of the sovereign, for instance, the count-se of Brownlow, a great friend of Virtoria, and a favorite of court, who sit on the curn, shivering for hours, with the crowd outside Buckingham Palace.

on the shoulders of men. The art students at Kensington, male and female, as on Ladysmith Day, were again to the fore, bareheaded and singing patriotic songs, while throughout the day medical students in large bodies led the cheering

Unprecedented Scenes. The scene in the quadrancie of the palace, after the Queen's arrival, when Lords and commoners joined in singing the nation-

al anthem, was unprecedented, and probably will never be repeated during the present reign. Viscount Cross and Mr. Chamberiain acted as spokesmen, and graciously greeted the royal visitor, but it was to Lady Huller that the Queen quickly turned with a grateful smile. Then, in the presence of the legislators of the United Kingdom, drawing the wife of the reliever of Ladysmith closer
to her, she whispered words of thanks.

After scarcely three hours of rest her
Majesty made a tour of the city proper,
amid the greatest enthushasm. It is impossible to estimate the extent of the crowds
through which she passed before returning through which she passed before returning to Buckingham Palace. After it was all over, and while a cheering crowd of 19,000 persons still hung outside the palace, the Queen dined with the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York and the other members of the royal family. The Prince of Wales had been absent dur-ing the day, owing to the sale of the late Duke of Westminster's race horses at

race wherever exhibited and would treat with respect the venerable sovereign about to visit the Irish shore, well knowing that on that occasion no attempt would be made to give the visit any party significance, and that their chivairous hospitality would not be taken to mean any abatement of their femands for national rights, which they would continue to press until conceded. Mr. Redmond was loudly cheered, both

on rising and on taking his seat. The Government leader, Mr. Balfour, replying to a question, said the recommendation for the formation of a regiment of Royal Irish Guards, of which the first colonelcy would be given to Lord Roberts, submitted to the Queen, and, untoubtedly, would be favorably considered. DUBLIN EXPRESSIONS.

Dublin, March 8.—The newspapers of this city give rather a chilling reception to the announcement of the proposed visit of Queen Victoria to Ireland next month, aithough the comments are perfectly courte-

The Freeman's Journal says: The chivalry of the Irish will insure : respectful reception, but it is impossible to congratulate her Majesty on the opportuni-

congratulate her Majesty on the opportunity chosen for a royal visit after a boycott so long and persistently maintained."

The Daily Independent says:

The Nationalists will have no other desire but that her Majesty should receive at the hands of the Irish the respectful welcome due to her exaited station and her high personal character."

The Daily Express, after remarking that the visit is intended as a most marked and most notable expression of her Majesty's indebtedness to the "gallant Irishmen who have served her so nobly in the hour of anxiety," cordially assures the Queen that she will receive the heartiest welcome.

Tazewell County Democrats.

Pekin, Ill., March 8.—The Tazewell Coun-Democratic Convention is called to meet Pekin Tuesday, June 12, to select delegates to the State, Congressional and Sen-atorial conventions, and also to nominate county officers.

MORE GUNS FROM THE FRONT.



Sending out another train of artillery from Cape Town to add to Sir Redwest Buller's forces. These guns have all been painted khaki color no as to make them less consplcuous in the field, and also afford more protection to the men who serve

## ADMINISTRATION'S REASONS FOR TAXING PUERTO RICO.

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In short, it was not so much a desire the bull of the product of the favorite decision and the President over the war and a natural inclination to let the Queen see and share the gladness of her people, that prompted London spontaneously to make to-day one of the most remarkable celebrations of Victoria's reign the President was nones; and plantified in the baland of the people, that prompted London spontaneously to make to-day one of the most remarkable celebrations of Victoria's reign the people, that prompted London spontaneously to make to-day one of the most remarkable celebrations of Victoria's reign the freedom of the product of the flat of the people, that prompted London spontaneously to make to-day one of the most remarkable celebrations of Victoria's reign the freedom of the president was nones and since the her increase in the same hards as a since the most product of the president was a most not the most and in the baland of the freedom of the flat the same hards as a since not the most knowing more, it is bee sint a as an ideal to change has result as an intended to the president over the the most prompted to the people, that prompted to the president was nones and officed to the first between the first of the flat the same hards and the relation of the flat the same hards and the relation of the flat the same hards and the relation of the flat the same hards and the relation of the people of the most product of the flat the same hards and the relation of the people of the flat th

"The Senator proposes," said Mr Pettus. "to send over to the Puerto Ricans the Constitution in installments—a little now and a little then."

Mr. Morgan gave notice of his intention to move to lay the entire substitute of the Senate Committee for the house bill on the table.

Mr. Foraker of Ohio, in tharge of the pending bill, replied to Senator Pettus. Adverting to the criticism aroused by the bill both in the Dewspapers and among the peaple. Mr. Foraker said it seemed that the dea was abroad that the act proposed to deal filliberally with the people of Puerto.

ple, Mr. Foraker said it seemed that the idea was abroad that the act proposed to deal liftherally with the people of Puerto Rico. He was of the opinion that a mismoderstanding of the measure prevailed. "Instead of being illiberal," said Mr. Foraker, "the measure is the most liberal and generous legislation ever proposed for a Territory of the United States."

So far as he had been informed, no intelligent and appreciative man in Puerto Rico had dissented from the propositions of the measure. There may have been some criticism on the part of the Puerto Ricans, but generally it was accepted as an excellent bill.

Mr. Lindsay of Kentucky inquired if Governor General Davis himself had not recommended free trade with Puerto Rico.

"Yes," replied Mr. Foraker, "he did make such a recommendation. But the committee, after full consideration, decided against his proposition. We are here to legislate for the whole United States and we were forced to consider the question from all points of view. The tsriff provision was conceived in mercy to the Puerto Ricans and in its generosity it is without precedent in the territorial legislation of the United States."

Duke of Westminster's

Kingsclere, but the Princers had come in
for a large share of the ovations.

REDMOND'S SPEECH.

London, March & In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. John Redmond, the Irish
Nationalist leader, declared the Irish people had received with gratification the announcement that her Majesty had directed that the shamrock be worn by the Irish
regiments on St. Patrick's Day, adding that
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If necessary, the time will be extended again and perhaps again, until Congress

gets done discussing constit

Olirect Appropriation.

Continuing, the Ohio Senator said that after all means of raising revenues had been considered, it was found necessary to provide at least \$1,00,000 more per annum. Then it was proposed to levy a duty of 25 per cent of the Dingley law on products of the island imported in this country, and to turn the amount so raised back to Puerto Rico.

Rico. "The Senator admits," said Mr. Davis, in-"The Senator admits," said Mr. Davis interrupting, "that this handing back of revenues to a political subdivision of the United States is unprecedented. Then, why not raise the revenue as usual, and, if necessary to relieve distressed Puerto Rico, provide the relief by a direct appropriation from the United States has never undertaken to support a local government in any Territory," replied Mr. Foraker. "If the island is to have schools, good roads and public improvements, if must get them through taxation, and such taxation as is proposed in this bill."

Mr. Foraker became involved in a colloquy with Mr. Hoar as to the constitutional right of Congress to levy a duty on products from a Territory of the United States, in which the Ohio Senator declared that the provisions of the Constitution referred to had no application in the case of Puerto

Rico.
Mr. Hear continued to press the point, and
Mr. Foraker finally declared that the question in point had "passed beyond the
law-book stage," and had become one of

stice and humanity. Mr. Hoar: "That is the Senator's an-Justice and humanity.

Mr. Hear: "That is the Senator's answer?"

"No, it is not," retorted Mr. Foraker, warmly. "I answered the Senator's question and the persistency with which the Senator pressed it shows that he does not want to accept the answer. I might stand here and quote declaions of the Supreme Court until the last Puerto Rican had starved and it would have no effect on Senators who differed with me. This contention has been going on for two years, and it will have to be determined ultimately by the Supreme Court. If we cannot levy a duty on the products of Puerto Rico we can't levy a duty on the products of the Philippines. If the Philippines are now a part of the United States, and if we cannot levy a tariff on their products, we might just as well dismantle our custom-houses and go out of the protection business. There can be no intelligent legislation on this question until we get a com-

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Mr. Bacon pointed out what he believed to be the inconsistency of the priche of for a delegate in Congress from Partin Here, who is not a critizen of the United Shadea, and who is to be elected by persons who are not citizens of the United States, but who must take an oath to obey the Consistentian of the United States.

Mr. Foraker contended that this was what had been done in the cases of Louisians, Flerbia and many other instances.

The discussion of the questions of constitutional law involved in the bill was continued until 5 o'clock, Mr. Hoar made the closing observation, in which he took sharp issue with the principles enunciated by Mr. Foraker He held that the dectrine proposed to be applied to Puerto Rice and the Philippines would result in a despotism, and it would be none the less a despotism hecause it was to be carried into effect by moral raten of high civilization.

At the night session of the Senate 13 pages of the Alackan code bill were read, and, without concluding this format but necessary work, the Senate, at Hills, adjourned until to-morrow.

#### PUERTO RICAN AMENDMENT. Senator Baker Introduces One in Favor of Free Trade.

Washington, March 8 .- Senator Baker to tay introduced an amendment to the Puerlo Rican bill, extending the customs laws of the United States to Puerto Rico, and delaring that, in second with the Constitu-ion of the United States, no duty shall be evied upon articles exported from the United States to Fuerto Rico, or vice very,

Busy Bee Bargain Day To-Day. French Cream Mixture, 160 a pound.

CONGRESSIONAL TOUR OF CUBA. House and Senate Committees Start Next Week.

Washington, March 8.-The congressional committees on Cuba and Puerto Rican affairs will so to Cuba early next week. The United States steamship Dolphin will take the Senators and Representatives on board at some convenient Southern port, and after going to Havana, will make a circuit of Cuba, touching at the principal ports.

The Latest Game For boys is lawn backey. Rawlings Sport-ing Goods Co., 629 Locust st.

NOTES ABOUT TOWN.

Oro Berry of No. 3029 Laclede avenue, a clerk in a downtown dry goods store, called at the Four Ceurts yesterday to report the theft of a gold watch, which, she said, had been stelen from her at the store day previous.

Joe McGarry, who was arrested with John Hill and John White on several charges of highway robbery a few months and, plended guilty to robbery in the first degree yesterday in Judge Spencer's court and was sentenced to serve six years in the penitentiary. The case against White has been nolle prossed and Hill will go to trial next week. It is charged in the indictment that they held up and robbed Abe Ashner, who lives at No. 286 South Jefferson avenue, of a gold watch on December 19.

David Stohl of this city filed a petition in hankruptcy in the United States District Court vesterday. His debts consist of un-secured claims amounting in the aggregate to \$2,672 and the exemptions are placed at

Owing to the immense sale of tickets to the presentation of "King David" for the benefit of the Consumptives' Hospital, un-der the direction of the Sisters of St. Mary, it has been decided to give the performance at the Exposition Music Hail, on Sunday, April 29, instead of the Odeon, the seating capacity of the latter being insufficient to accommodate those who have bought tick-ets.

B. & O. S.W. R. R. Equipment new and up-to-date. Three daily trains to Eastern cities. Tickets and information. Breadway and Locust st. and Union Station.

# THEATRE FRANÇAISE IN PARIS RUINED.

Was the Oldest and Occupied the Highest Rank Among Play houses of France.

NEAR THE PALAIS ROYAL

Building Had Been Renovated and Only Reopened a Short Time Ago - the Actress Burned to Death.

The dome has collapsed and the inline, hearing the allegorical pointing by The fierce pride in the strength of a mights Empire that percended bendingly explication when the Queen has drove through the principles of this dovernment as late the strength, in 197, how which and in the principles of the country down by the fathers of the country of the fire affected well in the same of the strength was Mile the risk a beautiful to the fathers and the fathers of the country of the father of

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over our insular passessions should be determined by the Supreme court, and by the
very provisions of the left it would be inevitable that the Supreme court should
pass upon that unexists. Price files on the wash invested insular to state the president.

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Mr. Petran's Views.

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from Mr. Tillman the remove that he had a large of the superme Court, in rendering its option, would "acknowledge no other god than its own will."

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Second Reading in Relebsing Brought in the last time on a Lively Behate.

Berlin, March 8.—The Reichstag to-day delated the meat invection bill on its second reading. Paragraphs 1, 2 and 14 were taken up first and considered conjointly.

Herr Geratenberger, on behalf of the Central Constitute of the first course when as emission at the Capital at Washington to Americans, An immense concourse should be estained. The police endeavored in clear spaces around the theater for the An immediate concentrate Short assembled at every point from which a view of the first could be obtained. The police emdeavored to clear spaces around the theater for the different, but eventually the troops had to be summediate to keep the growing mack and to satisfactor to the political to the health of the people and agriculture. Here Frise, Radical-Unitan, said he consistent to keep the growing mack and to struck at trade, industry and mavigation as by the meat bill, the object of which, he paintings, distant and other treasures, which were being healthy lowered from the windows and heaped in the square of car ingriculture, according to the speaker, would rout the stores near by. ut several

Cause Still a Mystery. actual o suse of the outbreak has not determined, as the slarm come from itside, but the lack of the stage was finding and Henriot, with their ies hoday and Henriot, with their sears, were on the rish sloty, preparing the matines. Mile Dudley says:
was nearly dressed when I smelled ke, which entered under the door. I a the door white open and found utter cores. The corrier was filled with ke, which choked me. I rushed along corridor and reached a window, where outed for help. My cries were heard becoming the course of the course of

Mile. Henriot's dresser relates that she fit the dressing-room with her mistress, as that the inter-completely lost her head not instead of descholing, ran upstairs and eight refuge in another room, where, promissile, she was asphysiated. The firemen band Mile. Henriot bline on the floor, Only or face had been barried, in the body was arried out and placed in an ambulance car, shown of which were drawn up in front the down As her face was so much befored that she was introcognizable, the body was taken to the morgue, where it was identified by M. Copiella and other members of the Comedic Francais by the closhing.

Meanwhile the mother of Mile, Henriot had hurried to the weige, barchended and crying widdly for her daughter. The truth was concented from her as long as possible, and when it was finally told to her she was distracted with grief.

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Mile Hearlot's dresser was badly burned, but not dangerously. A number of the firemen were slightly injured, chiefly by the stiffing fames.

In the Chamber of Be puties to-day M. Deschanel, President of the flouse announced the destruction of the Theatre Francais by fire and praised the efforts of the firemen, who, he said, were working hard to save the art treasures.

It is now asserted that the disaster was not accidental, but due to underwience. M. Girard, chief of the municipal laboratory, has made inquiry into the matter, and is convinced that the fire was due neither to gas not electricity, because he assertained that several dressing-rooms on different factors were on five at the same time.

The Theatre Franchis, or Comodie Francais, was situated on the Place du Theatre-Francais, near the Platis Boyal, and occupied the highest rank among the theaters of France. It was built in 183, but was much altered in later years, the facedes being modern. The Boric vestibules contained a statue of Tainsa, the tragedian, by David d'Angers, and figures of tragedy and comedy by Buret, beginsa. Persectively, the features of the celebrated actresses Mile. Rachel and Mile, Mars. The "Foyer du Public' was adorned with a statue of Voltaire by Hoadin; a channer-piece, with a relief representing comeanns crowning the facure of Mollere, by La Quesse; busts and scenes from the writings of celebrated france distributing have by ourser. Of Truth Englishming the World. At the end of the certifier is adding on the laterior represented France distributing havels to her three great dramatists. Molere, Cornellie and Rache.

The fire broke out at about noon, but was not discovered immediately, with the result that the theater was burning furiously before the fire brigade not to work. Even then the appliances were quite inadequate to cope with the confinentation, and by 1:30 p. m. the hterior of the building w

The theater stands almost isolated within a square in front and the gardens of the Palais Royal behind. Both of these spaces were thronged with people, esgerify watching the operations of the firemen.

The firemen saved as much of the property as possible, and the square in front of

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the theater was list red with sufter of fur-The theater, which is the home of the

Her matter, estained many fine pieces of adplace, representing veletation aramaticals, and miss issue beatteful mural paintings, which doubtless were rained. A rehear-sit of a comedy which was billed for the matting, was field this morning and had just concluded when the fire broke

The force was so horned that it was dif-tion to identify it, but M. Coquella and other societairs of the Comelle Francis, who have seen the besty at the norme, de-viate prelitively, that it is that of Mile,

not derive benefit. He expected that while in America it would aloose a feeling of malicious joy, the shipping trade to America having proved as remanerative to the large German companies that it had been impossible for them to establish less remanerative to the large German companies that it had been impossible for them to establish less remanerative lines, that none the less retaliatory measures arould not long be delayed.

Count von Klinrkowstroom, Conservative, eccured the newspapers of giving artificial importance to the matter. He suid it was quite guarce-seary to uphold the beey of America. That remainty, he continued, "has for a long time past overwhelmed us with customs vexations, but to this America we are expected to make concessions. We hope the Bundesrath will make use of the weapon placed in its hands by this law in order to create a peaceful yet at the same time satisfactory position of affairs in regard to foreign countries."

The discussion of the bill drew a full attendance in the Retchalog, except on the Government benches. Neither Prince von Hohenlohe nor Count von Baslow were present, and Baron von Thielman, Baron von Richthofen and Count Posadowsky-Wehner remained for a short time only. No one was present from the United States Emlassey, nor any special representative of the Emperor. General surprise was expressed at the fact that no member of the coverament inservened in the debate. The impression this evening is that the bill will pass to-morrow to its present shape. The principal steakers then will be Herren Richter and Bebt.

TROOPS SEXT TO THE SCENE.

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Santo Domingo, March &-The Governnent has apparently discovered that a political movement in opposition to it is in progress.

progress.

Governor Pepis, the former Governor of Soutingo de Les Cathellers, has revolted against the Government and Government troops have been sent against him.

A stage of steps has been declared and constitutional gibrantees have been suspended in the southwest part of the island. Several arrests have been made and a clauge in the tailnet may take place soon. The city is quiet.

FIRE IN ST. PETERSBURG. Many Valuable Books and Manuscripts Destroyed.

St. Petersburg, March 8-A fire at the brademarters of the general staff to-day destroyed a quantity of the most valuable books and manuscripts, which it is impossible to replace. All the fire brigades of the city were engaged, and they obtained control of the flames this atternoon.

EMPEROR PRESENT. Downger Empress Received Wives of

Pekin, March 8.-The Dowager Empres to-day received the wives of the foreign and the new heir apparent to the throne were present. The ceremonles were similar to those of last year.

All transfer points, ow)-car time-tables and routes of all street railroads given in The Republic's book of "Street the Facts." Get one free at Republic Office, Seventh and Olive streets. Texas Supreme Court.

Texas Supreme Court.

REPUBLIC SHECHAL

Austin, Tex., March 8.—The following were
the proceedings of the Supreme Court to-day;
Applications refused—Frank R. Brown vs. Eningle Vescaya, from Berar; William Thompson
et al. vs. C. G. Voxel et al., from Harris;
W. J. Moore vs. C. G. Voxel et al., from Harins; Merjam Central Hallway Company, Left,
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Shaw, from Harris. force the fire brigade not to work. Even then the appliances were quite inadequate to cope with the conductation, and by 1:20 p. m. the interior of the building was a roaring furnace. The dense column of smoke arising from the fire attracted crowds from all parts of Paris, especially when the news spread that it was the Theatre Francais that was on fire, it being regarded as a national institution.

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### FISH FLED TO WATERS

OF ANTI-TRUST STATE. TRUST OCTOPUS IN RECEIV-

ERS' HANDS.

American Fisheries Company Will Re Reorganized on a Different Capitalization.

REPUBLIC SPECTAL. New York, March 8-Because the willful menhaden fled to the waters of an antirust State, the actopus known as the American Fisheries Company has had to to capture all the menhaden in reach and convert them into oil phosphates and guano had a fleet of steamers, or "hell wagons," as the menhaden fishing steam craft are popularly called, besides a chain of factories along the New England and Long Island coasts.

No sooner had the enterprise begun to thrive than the menhades became disaffected. Swimming delegates, with long whiskers and anti-trust proclivities, went up and down the coast preaching the doctrines of self-defense.

So the menhaden handed together in gigantle shoals two years ago and ceased to run. By ceasing to run the fishermen meant that they ran in the wrong direc-Nobedy knew where they had fied. The

American Fisherics Company was in de-spair. The tanners clamored for oil, the farmer wept because there was no fertilizer and the factories for the preparation of So the octopus sent out its tentseles to strange coasts. Experts, employed at large sularies, went to the Pucific Coast, to South American and to various Southern climes, seeking in vain for the elustre menhadan. One of the experts finally located the menhaden throwing piscatorial handsprings in the Mexi an Gulf. They were mostly with-in the three-mile limit and within the juris-

diction of the State of Texas.

No trust can flourish in the confines of Texas. There the menhaden were in friendly waters. The small menhaden, which ordinarily appeared as American sandines, grow to their full length down in Texas, and the

beach is covered at high tide by the bodies of menhades, which have died either of old age or fatty degeneration.

If the fish had been advised by a sea lawyer they could not have obtained apperfect a refuge from the octopus. There the octopus is itself hunted and it dare not approach the hostile shores for fear of being shore of its fearblessen and its dare not approach the hostile shores for fear of being shore of its fearblessen and its dare not approach the hostile shores for fear of being shore of its fearblessen and its dare not being shore of its fearblessen. being shorn of its tentucies and left to perish upon the sands of the Lone Star coast. This is one of the reasons why it will be necessary to reorganize the American Fisheries Company. Charles B. Hobbs of Gifford, Stearns &

Hobbs is one of the receivers for the company by an appointment of the New ersey Court of Chancery. The company Jersey Court of Chancery. The company had \$1,000,000 in common stock and \$3,000,000 in preferred. The common stock represented the purchase of certain patents. The company was organized in 1898.

Mr. Hobbs to-day issued a statement to the effect that it was essential to reorganize the company on a different basis of capitalization. He explained that this could not be legally done except through receivers. He says that the reorganization will proceed as rapidly as possible, and that he expects that the company will proceed with its business in the spring.

Saipe Are on the Way.

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MRS. BEASLY ARRESTED.

Charged With Embezzlement of

Post Office Funds. REPUBLIC SPECIAL Fort Smith, Ark, March S.-Mrs. Flora Beasley, who, until a few months ago, was Postmistress at Spiro, I. T., was arrested in this city to-day charged with embezzitng the post office funds. She had an examination before Commis-

She had an examination before Commissioner Armistead as to her identity and was held for trial in the United States Court at Cameron. I. T. to which point she will be taken to-motrow. Her bond was placed at 1,000, in default of which she went to latt.

Some time in December Mrs. Beasiy, as Postmistress at Spiro, notified the Fost Office Department that the post office had been robbed. Inspector Reed went to Spiro and the bondsmen made up about \$400 of the loss, and Mrs. Beasily was relieved from duty, since which time she has lived in this city. The arrest was a great surprise to the public.

NEW CONSULAR SERVICE. Rill for Reorganization Reported to

the House. Washington, March S .- Representative Adams of Pennsylvania to-day reported from the House Committee on Foreign Affairs the bill for the reorganization of the

fairs the bill for the reorganization of the consular service on a civil service basis. The report says, in part:

The recent acquisitions of territory to our domain, the later diplomatic victory which has assured to us an open door to the trade of China, thereby securing the markets of \$60,00,00 of people, make it absolutely essential that our merchants and exporters shall receive information and statistics gathered by men competent in the full sense of the word to give reliable information. The wonderful increase in our export trade, reaching a billion dollars within the past year, is an evidence of what can be done by American energy and enterprise, and with an efficient consular corps, which is the business branch of our foreign service, furnishing reliable information, thereby exports can be largely increased."

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Bond Bros. Their less was \$450. The other losers are: M. F. Myers. J. C. Page, tin shop; T. T. Nowell, on building: L. M. Keunedy, drugs; W. B. Fisher, confections; W. L. Byrd, dry goods; Barnes, Clift & Co., general merchants; G. H. Collins, drugs. The total drimings is piaced at \$10,000.

REPUBLIC SPICIAL.

Linn Creek, Mo., March 8.—A mass convention of the Democratic voters of Camden County has been called by A. Estes, chairman of the Central Committee, to meet at the Courthouse in Linh Creek on Saturday, March 19. The bills for advertising the call are headed, "No Crown of Thoras, No Cross of Gold." The party here is a unit for the reiteration of the issues of 1896, with the addition of an anti-expansion plank, and believe they can succeed in overcoming the small Republican majority in the county.

